

Attorney Docket 56.0468

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12-19 were outstanding in this application. Applicants have amended claims 6-10 according to suggestions made by the Examiner by telephone to the undersigned on November 9, 2004. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-4 and 12-19.

Applicants have amended pages 39 and 40 and Fig. 20 as requested by the Examiner. The Examiner reported that the changes made to page 25 with the Response to Office Action mailed on September 7, 2004, did not come out clearly in the version mailed then. Applicants have provided another copy of that amendment to page 25, in the same form as previously submitted in the Response to Office Action mailed on September 7, 2004. The changes shown are relative to the specification as filed. In particular, the character α is intended to have a superscript 1 and a subscript j.

It is believed that all claims now present in the application are allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any fees to Deposit Account 04-1579(56.0468).

Respectfully submitted,



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